

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently amended) An attachment intended to be secured to an article by a tagging gun, the attachment comprising:

a limp flexible cord formed from several fibre strands which have been twisted together, the cord being without resilient tendency to return to an initial position;

a cross-shaped member or a T-shaped member, said cross-shaped or T-shaped member having a plastic cross bar and down bar; and

a terminal member,

wherein, at one end of the flexible cord, the flexible cord is fixed to the down bar of the cross-shaped or T- shaped member, said terminal member being fixed to the other end of the flexible cord.

Claim 31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) An attachment according to claim 30 wherein the down bar of the cross-shaped or T-shaped member has an enlarged flange moulded around the cord.

33. (Previously presented) An attachment according to claim 30 wherein the cord is formed of a natural material.

34. (Previously presented) An attachment according to claim 33 wherein the cord is formed of cotton.

35. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising a plurality of attachments, each attachment comprising:

a limp flexible cord formed from several fibre strands which have been twisted together, the cord being without resilient tendency to return to an initial position;

a cross-shaped member or a T-shaped member, said cross-shaped or T-shaped member having a plastic cross bar and down bar; and

a terminal member,

wherein, at one end of the flexible cord, the flexible cord is fixed to the down bar of the cross-shaped or T-shaped member, said terminal member being fixed to the other end of the flexible cord, said assembly further comprising a common spine, each of said attachments being releasably attached to said common spine via said cross-shaped member or said T-shaped member, each attachment being independently severable from said common spine ~~by means of a tagging gun.~~

36. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 35 wherein each of said attachments is releasably attached to said common spine by an extension bar extending from the common spine to the cross-bar of the cross-shaped or T-shaped member.

37. (Currently amended) An assembly according to claim 35 further comprising teeth on the common spine, between the attachments, ~~to assist operation of said tagging gun.~~

38. (Currently amended) Apparatus for making an assembly comprising a plurality of attachments, each attachment comprising:

a limp flexible cord, the cord being without resilient tendency to return to an initial position;

a cross-shaped member or a T-shaped member; and

a terminal member,

wherein, at one end of the flexible cord, the flexible cord is fixed to the cross-shaped or T-shaped member, said terminal member being fixed to the other end of the flexible cord, said assembly further comprising a common spine, each of said attachments being releasably attached to said common spine via said cross-shaped member or said T-shaped member, each attachment being independently severable from said common spine ~~by means of a tagging gun~~, said apparatus comprising a mould having:

a first recess for moulding said common spine and said cross-shaped or T-shaped members;

second recesses for moulding said terminal members; and

cord support means for supporting a cord that extends between and at least partially into said first and second recesses, wherein said first recess includes enlarged flange portions for surrounding the cord.

39. (Currently amended) A method for making an attachment, the attachment comprising

a limp flexible cord, the cord being without resilient tendency to return to an initial position;

a cross-shaped member or a T-shaped member; and

a terminal member,

wherein, at one end of the flexible cord, the flexible cord is fixed to the cross-shaped or T-shaped member, said terminal member being fixed to the other end of the flexible cord, the method comprising the steps:

a) providing a mould with a first recess for moulding said cross-shaped or T-shaped member and a second recess for moulding said terminal member;

b) placing said flexible cord in the mould so that it extends between and passes at least partially into said recesses;

c) injecting liquid plastics material into said recesses and allowing it to solidify.

40. (Currently amended) A method for making an assembly comprising a plurality of attachments, each attachment comprising:

a limp flexible cord, the cord being without resilient tendency to return to an initial position;

a cross-shaped member or a T-shaped member; and

a terminal member,

wherein, at one end of the flexible cord, the flexible cord is fixed to the cross-shaped or T-shaped member,

said terminal member being fixed to the other end of the flexible cord, said assembly further comprising a common spine, each of said attachments being releasably attached to said common spine via said cross-shaped member or said T-shaped member, each attachment being independently severable from said common spine ~~by means of a tagging gun~~, said method including the steps:

a) providing a mould with a first recess for moulding said common spine and said cross-shaped or T-shaped members and second recesses for moulding said terminal members;

b) placing said flexible cords in the mould so that they extend between and pass at least partially into said recesses;

c) injecting liquid plastics material into said recesses and allowing it to solidify.

41. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 40 wherein in step (b) a separate flexible cord is placed between each respective second recess and said first recess.

42. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 40 further including the step of cutting said cord to separate the attachments formed in step (c) from surplus cord that is not part of said attachments.

43. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 40 wherein following step (c), the attachments that have been formed in step (c) are pulled through the mould so that lengths of cord fixed to the terminal members of said attachments, but not forming part of the attachments, extend between said first and second recesses, and then step (c) is repeated to form further attachments.

44. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 43 wherein the mould is opened to allow the cords to be pulled through the mould and then the mould is closed to clamp the cords in place.

45. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 40 wherein in step (b) the flexible cord is positioned so that it extends back and forth between said second recesses and the first recess.

46. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 45 wherein, after step (c), the cord is cut to sever cord connections between adjacent terminal portions and the cord is cut to sever cord connections between adjacent cross-shaped or T- shaped members.